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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Yasuji HIRAMATSU

Group Art Unit: 1725

Appln. No.: 09/101,833

Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans

Filed: July 17, 1998

**FOR: LASER MACHINING APPARATUS, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING A MULTILAYERED PRINTED WIRING BOARD**

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September 14, 2001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a PTO-1449 and copies of English abstracts of references cited in a corresponding foreign application for the Examiner's consideration.

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